

Colusa County Economic Forecast

Colusa County is located in the northern part of California's Central Valley. Much of the land area in Colusa County is devoted to agriculture, which is the primary economic activity and a major source of employment.

In 2001, the population of Colusa County was estimated at 19,211 persons. The largest city in the county is the city of Colusa, whose population grew from 4,900 residents in 1990 to 5,492 residents in 2001, an increase of 12 percent. By the year 2010, population projections estimate Colusa County will be home to 22,000 persons.

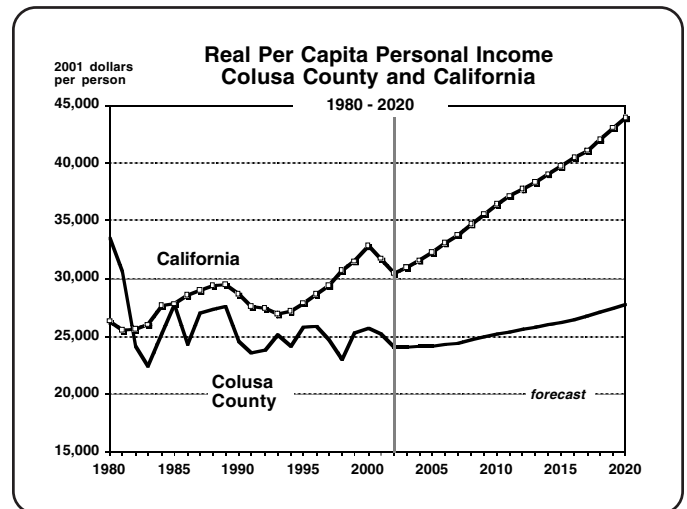
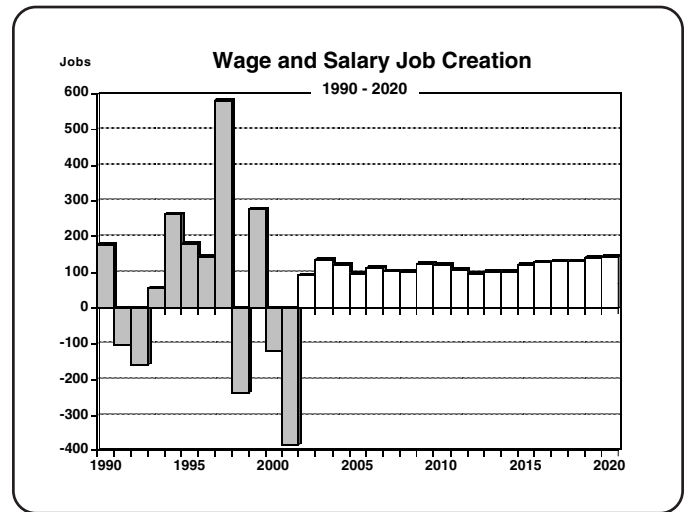
The county's 2001 annual average unemployment rate was 17.6 percent, significantly higher than the state's annual average unemployment rate of 5.2 percent. However, throughout most of the year Colusa County has a labor surplus due to the seasonal nature of employment in agriculture and related industries.

The predominant employer in Colusa County is agribusiness-oriented. According to the 2001 annual average employment statistics, the agriculture industry in Colusa makes up 29 percent of the county's total wage and salary employment. The agricultural industry in Colusa continues to grow and diversify. Rice, first grown in Colusa in 1912, has become the area's principal crop, making the county a state leader in rice production and advanced rice production technology. Other important commodities include tomatoes, almonds, wheat, cattle and calves, walnuts, and prunes.

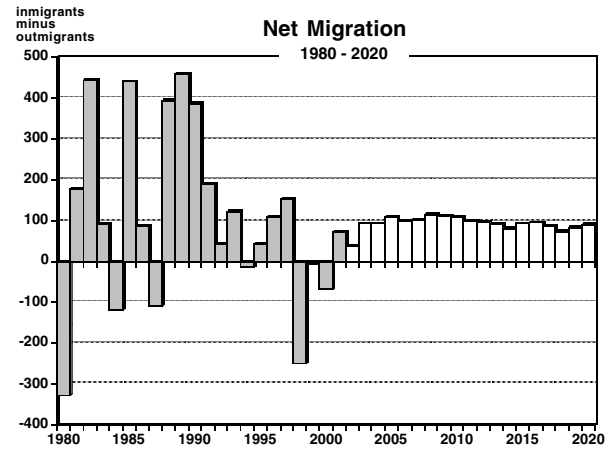
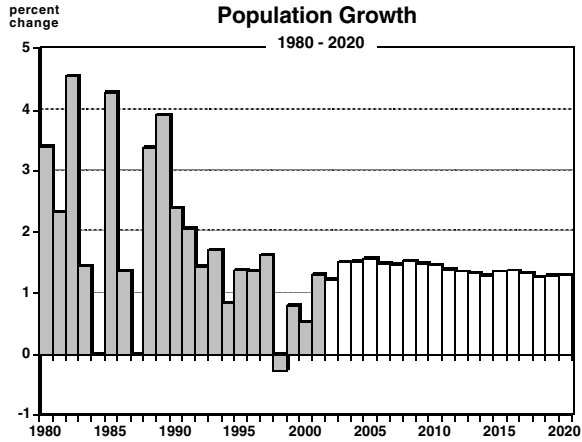
According to the forecast, the government, services, and construction and mining industries will have the largest growth over the 2002 to 2007 period. Together these three industries are expected to account for 88 percent of the total growth in employment during the forecast period.

Forecast Highlights

- More than 700 jobs are created in the non-farm sector between 2001 and 2007. The principal industry of growth is government, which adds an estimated 580 jobs. The services sector is forecast to increase employment by 200 jobs. Mining and Construction will also add nearly 200 jobs to base employment between 2001 and 2007.
- The unemployment rate continues to fall throughout the forecast period, as farm sector employment declines relative to the non-farm sector.



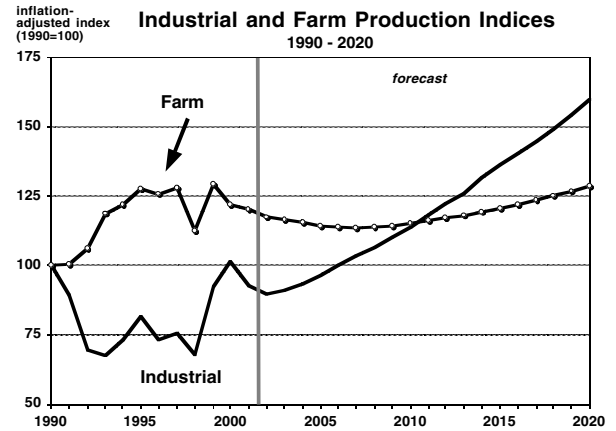
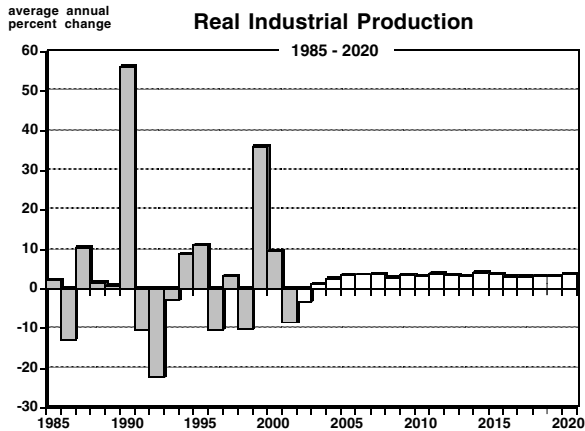
- Inflation-adjusted per capita income rises an average of 0.4 percent per year over the next 5 years. In 2001, the per person average income was \$25,242. Between 1995 and 2000, real per capita income declined marginally.
- Population growth accelerates over the next 5 years, averaging 1.5 percent growth per year. This compares to the 0.8 percent average annual growth rate that prevailed between 1995 and 2000. A greater number of births (due to a rising population in the fertile age cohorts) and increased net migration are responsible for the higher rate of population growth projected during the decade.



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1995-2001 History, 2002-2020 Forecast

	Population (people)	Net Migration (people)	Registered Vehicles (thousands)	Households (thousands)	New Homes Permitted (homes)	Retail Sales (millions)	Personal Income (millions)	Real Per Capita Income (dollars)	Farm Crop Value (millions)	Industrial Production (millions)
1995	18,300	42	20.1	6.1	62	\$99.4	\$376.2	\$25,789	\$304.9	\$134.9
1996	18,550	109	21.0	6.2	35	\$105.0	\$390.4	\$25,811	\$306.9	\$121.0
1997	18,850	152	20.1	6.2	52	\$109.4	\$393.3	\$24,742	\$322.9	\$124.9
1998	18,800	-248	21.0	6.3	51	\$105.4	\$377.5	\$23,043	\$293.6	\$112.2
1999	18,950	-6	21.5	6.3	48	\$119.2	\$435.0	\$25,273	\$351.3	\$152.6
2000	19,050	-67	21.3	6.1	46	\$128.8	\$464.9	\$25,702	\$346.0	\$167.2
2001	19,300	71	21.6	6.1	39	\$133.2	\$487.2	\$25,242	\$360.2	\$153.2
2002	19,535	38	22.0	6.2	54	\$137.4	\$487.4	\$24,036	\$365.1	\$148.3
2003	19,830	94	22.3	6.2	58	\$141.4	\$509.0	\$24,062	\$371.3	\$150.2
2004	20,131	94	22.6	6.3	61	\$146.3	\$531.0	\$24,080	\$378.7	\$154.1
2005	20,447	109	22.8	6.3	63	\$152.1	\$556.3	\$24,160	\$385.2	\$159.5
2006	20,751	100	23.0	6.4	65	\$158.7	\$583.8	\$24,315	\$393.9	\$165.2
2007	21,058	103	23.3	6.4	69	\$165.8	\$611.8	\$24,461	\$404.0	\$171.2
2008	21,380	115	23.5	6.5	73	\$173.6	\$644.1	\$24,714	\$415.4	\$175.9
2009	21,699	111	23.7	6.6	74	\$182.2	\$678.0	\$24,977	\$428.0	\$182.0
2010	22,018	109	23.9	6.6	75	\$191.7	\$713.5	\$25,198	\$443.0	\$187.9
2011	22,325	101	24.1	6.7	77	\$201.6	\$750.3	\$25,405	\$459.3	\$195.4
2012	22,628	97	24.3	6.8	79	\$212.1	\$788.9	\$25,612	\$476.8	\$202.1
2013	22,930	93	24.4	6.8	79	\$223.1	\$828.9	\$25,797	\$495.5	\$208.4
2014	23,226	82	24.6	6.9	80	\$234.4	\$871.1	\$26,036	\$514.2	\$217.1
2015	23,542	94	24.7	7.0	81	\$246.1	\$915.0	\$26,259	\$533.7	\$225.1
2016	23,867	96	25.0	7.1	83	\$258.8	\$962.9	\$26,504	\$555.8	\$231.8
2017	24,185	86	25.2	7.1	85	\$272.5	\$1,014.3	\$26,760	\$579.7	\$238.9
2018	24,488	72	25.5	7.2	86	\$286.8	\$1,068.4	\$27,068	\$604.0	\$246.6
2019	24,804	84	25.7	7.3	87	\$301.9	\$1,126.1	\$27,407	\$628.9	\$254.6
2020	25,127	90	25.9	7.4	90	\$317.5	\$1,185.2	\$27,737	\$654.2	\$263.9



Total Wage & Salary	Farm	Mining & Construction	Manufacturing	Transportation, Utilities	Wholesale, Retail Trade	Finance, Real Estate	Services	Government
-----employment (jobs)-----								
6,951	2,401	71	631	453	1,353	158	589	1,297
7,097	2,569	69	685	319	1,371	168	573	1,342
7,677	3,043	77	703	298	1,349	175	651	1,381
7,442	3,028	99	631	218	1,325	156	615	1,370
7,721	2,869	142	666	248	1,328	164	596	1,708
7,603	2,563	126	820	246	1,351	162	568	1,768
7,223	2,128	93	772	256	1,398	160	603	1,814
7,316	2,150	75	732	271	1,415	160	598	1,915
7,453	2,154	65	742	281	1,431	161	596	2,023
7,573	2,134	59	749	290	1,447	162	604	2,128
7,670	2,106	58	747	300	1,465	163	610	2,222
7,783	2,088	57	749	309	1,486	164	618	2,312
7,887	2,066	56	752	318	1,510	167	623	2,396
7,990	2,057	56	750	328	1,535	169	629	2,466
8,112	2,055	56	747	338	1,564	171	637	2,544
8,233	2,052	56	744	348	1,595	174	645	2,620
8,341	2,052	56	742	359	1,627	177	651	2,679
8,438	2,055	56	742	369	1,659	180	655	2,723
8,542	2,057	56	744	380	1,692	182	659	2,772
8,646	2,058	57	747	390	1,725	185	663	2,820
8,764	2,058	57	751	401	1,759	187	668	2,884
8,893	2,055	57	753	411	1,793	189	676	2,958
9,023	2,050	57	756	421	1,828	192	684	3,036
9,153	2,039	57	758	431	1,863	194	691	3,119
9,295	2,029	57	759	440	1,900	197	698	3,214
9,439	2,026	57	762	451	1,938	200	707	3,298

